

Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

2013-05

Requesting

The Florida Department of Transportation to Designate State Road A1A in Duval and Nassau Counties as a Florida Scenic Highway

WHEREAS, Section 335.093, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Department of Transportation to designate public roads as scenic highways in recognition of their cultural, historic and scenic value; and

WHEREAS, State Road A1A in Duval and Nassau Counties is a historically significant roadway, traversing land that has been occupied by humans for centuries and which includes relics of Henry Flagler's pioneering efforts to develop Florida as a tourist destination, historic evidence of early settlements, and beautiful and historic communities like Fernandina Beach and Mayport Village that remind us of our rich heritage; and

WHEREAS, for most of its length, State Road A1A runs in close proximity to the scenic beauty of the Atlantic Ocean and its beaches and dunes, and it detours inland around Naval Station Mayport the road crosses the St. Johns River via the Mayport Ferry and continues north through marshlands and parks and the natural beauty of Amelia Island; and

WHEREAS, the portion of State Road A1A in St. Johns and Flagler Counties has been designated as the Scenic and Historic A1A Coastal Byway, allowing for an extension of an existing route; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Council desires the Florida Department of Transportation to designate State Road A1A from the St. Johns County line in the south through Nassau County in the north, as a Florida scenic highway in recognition of its outstanding scenic beauty and its link to the culture and history of an area with significant pre-Columbian civilization and the oldest point of European contact and settlement in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, the designation of State Road A1A as a state scenic highway will assist in the promotion of tourism and cultural exploration in the area and in the marketing of Northeast Florida as a premier destination for visitors and cultural explorers from around the nation and around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

Section 1. Northeast Florida Regional Council desires the Florida Department of Transportation to designate State Road A1A from the St. Johns County line in the south through Nassau County in the north, as a Florida scenic highway in recognition of its outstanding scenic beauty and its link to the culture and history of an area with significant pre-Columbian civilization and the oldest point of European contact and settlement in the United States. The Council stands ready to provide information and assistance when necessary to complete the application and review process in furtherance of the designation.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon signature by the President.

Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, the sixth day of June, 2013.



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1st Vice President

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CEO